

LINCOLN WATER COMMISSIONERS

April 16, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Board of Water Commissioners was held at the Lincoln Water Commission Office with Commissioners Smith, Conklin, Kay, and Hadley present. Also present was Water Superintendent John S. Faile, and Water Commissioner elect Kenneth Pichette.

In the absence of a Chairman upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: That Commissioner Smith is elected Acting Chairman for the meeting. That leaving the position of Secretary vacant, Commissioner Kay was elected Acting Secretary for the meeting.

Acting Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. APPROVED.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: That the Superintendent's Report for the month of March is accepted and ordered placed on file. APPROVED.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To accept the Financial Report for the month of March and ordered placed on file for audit. APPROVED.

CREDIT REPORT

The Credit Report for the month of March will be placed on file.

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

The Board was presented with the monthly statement of investments, encumbrances, and amounts available for capital projects for their information.

MONTHLY INVOICES

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Hadley Accounts Payable in the amount of \$177,815.64, Accounts Payable Lincoln Finance \$2,037.56 and Direct Payments in the amount of \$64,761.80 are approved for payment. APPROVED

ABATEMENTS

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, senior abatements of surcharges in the amount of \$180.54 were approved as follows:

\$14.68 to Gary Tingley of 421 New River Road, \$23.37 to Ansuini Residence Trust of 29 Kennedy Boulevard, \$22.20 to Louis DiCola of 18 Kennedy Boulevard, \$56.26 to Mary Richard of 417 New River

Road, \$5.44 to Frank Wing of 317 Albion Road, \$31.80 to Edward Hadfield of 6 Briarwood Road, \$6.94 to Denise Gagnon of 350 New River Road, \$13.87 to Gunhild Claus of 11 Briarwood Road, and \$5.98 to Barbara Deitrich of 12 Spring Green Road.

APPROVED.

ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Account Adjustment report will be placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) A letter from the Town of Smithfield inviting the Superintendent to a Town Council Executive Session meeting on April 1 will be placed on file. The Superintendent informed the Board that the meeting was very positive, stating that the emergency connection between Smithfield and Lincoln is eligible for 50% funding from the Rhode Island Water Resources Board.

b) A letter commending the staff for professional and courteous response from Mr. Kenneth Diman was presented to the Board. It was a decision of the Board to place a copy of the letter in each employees personnel file.

c) The invitation to the annual Memorial Day parade was discussed and the Lincoln Water Commission will participate.

d) Communication from Eclipse Design updating the list of smart controllers will be added to the Lincoln Water Commission list.

e) An example of correspondence mailed to large residential water users regarding the irrigation rebate program was shown to the Board.

f) The response from Senate President Joseph A. Montalbano to the Lincoln Water Commission comments in relation to Senate bill 2008S-2637, An Act Relating to Waters and Navigation – Clean Water, informing the Board that this bill will not likely be addressed again in this legislative session will be placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

a) The Superintendent updated the Board on the status of the operation of the new tank.

b) The Superintendent informed the Board of an email sent to Keith Hainley of the Friends of the Blackstone recommending he contact Pare Engineering when going forward on the proposal for River Access, Boat Storage, and passive recreation. He mentioned that the project is moving slowly.

c) The Superintendent requested that the Board allow him to continue to explore options and initiate discussions with the City of Pawtucket regarding an alternate water supply. Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To empower the Superintendent to open discussions with

the City of Pawtucket to set up a pilot program of purchasing One Half million gallons of water a day for six months and revisit the project again after the six months. APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

a) The 2007 Annual Report was presented to the Board.

b) The Superintendent will advise the Town of Lincoln Personnel Director of the Boards' interest and request that he be provided additional information relative to joining with the Town and the School Department into a consortium for self insured health care.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) The Water Commission will invite a subcommittee of the Lincoln Town Council to meet with them to discuss modifications to the Lincoln Water Commission charter, at the convenience of the Council members.

b) Communication will be sent to the Lincoln School Department relative to charges due since the construction of the Lincoln Middle School.

c) The Lincoln Water Commission will suggest that Labor Contract negotiations take place on five Wednesdays in May beginning May 1st.

d) The monthly safety report will be placed on file

A financial seminar, sponsored by Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association and including Representatives from the Town Council of Smithfield, the East Smithfield Water District, the Greenville Water District, and the Lincoln Water Commission will take place on May 14th at the Hearthside in Lincoln.

The May meeting of the Lincoln Water Commission will take place on May 7th.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To remove the hard drive from the used computers and declare them surplus property. APPROVED

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To adjourn to executive session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-5a (1) – 9 to discuss personnel matters at 7:50 PM.

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To seal the minutes of the closed session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-7c.

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To return to the regularly scheduled meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To adjourn at 8:03 PM. APPROVED